

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. APPLN. NO. 09/787,706

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification to insert the headings required by the Examiner.

The undersigned attorney has reviewed the entire application and did not find any grammatical or idiomatic errors requiring correction.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the objections to claims 1-12, in the light of the above amendments to claims 1, 3 and 8, which amendments correct each and every one of the alleged informalities identified by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully **traverses** the rejection of claims 1 and 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schlup '469, the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Goldenberg '381, the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable (obvious) over Goldenberg '381 in view of Pauli '846, and the rejection of claims 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable (obvious) over Goldenberg '381 in view of Bouchet '561, and respectfully asks the Examiner **carefully** to reconsider (and withdraw) each of these rejections, for the following reasons.

First, a rejection based on anticipation requires that each element of each rejected claim is disclosed, either explicitly or inherently, in the applied reference, or in other words, each rejected claim is readable on the disclosure of the applied reference. Applicant respectfully submits that clearly such is not the case here with respect to the Examiner's assertion that claims 1 and 3-6 are anticipated by Schlup's disclosure, and that claim 1 also is anticipated by the disclosure of Goldenberg '381.

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In an apparent attempt to show readability, the Examiner reproduces at least portions of Applicant's claims 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

However, the Examiner apparently has overlooked the claim 1 limitations, "a first case enclosing first elements [i.e., first movement] able to control a first display and a second case enclosing second elements [i.e., a second movement] able to control a second display", which limitations clearly are not disclosed, either explicitly or inherently, in either Schlup or Goldenberg, or in any other references cited by the Examiner.

More specifically, Schlup '469 is a Design patent which apparently illustrates a reversible watch having only a single case, enclosing two elements (movements) which control a first and a second display, and a back cover on the inside of which the names of towns corresponding to the different time zones are inscribed, the case and the back cover being assembled by an articulation which enables the case to rotate with respect to the back cover at the same time about both an axis, parallel to the plane of the back cover, and also an axis perpendicular to the latter. Apparently, the two displays can indicate the time in two different time zones, and, since the articulation is at the 12 o'clock location, the time zone in which the time is indicated by one display or the other can be known, apparently because the inside of the back cover is reflective, but this is not ascertainable from Schlup's drawing.

In any event, it is clear that Schlup neither discloses (either explicitly or inherently) nor even remotely suggests the invention as defined in independent parent claim 1 which clearly requires a reversible watch comprising two cases, each enclosing elements able to

control a display, and having a back cover, these two cases including respective securing elements to secure them to each other in a position in which their back covers are adjacent.

Likewise, Goldenberg also is **incapable of anticipating** independent parent claim 1, because Goldenberg discloses a reversible watch having only a single case enclosing two movements. Goldenberg is cited as prior art, and distinguished, in Applicant's specification at page 1, lines 25-30.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of independent parent claim 1 and dependent claims 3-6 as being anticipated by Schlup '469 and Goldenberg '381.

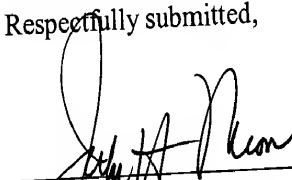
As for the rejection of claim 7 as being obvious over Goldenberg in view of Pauli '816, and for the rejection of claims 8-12 as being obvious over Goldenberg in view of Bouchet '561, Applicant also respectfully submits that, for the reasons detailed above with respect to the anticipation rejection of claims 1 and 3-6, the Examiner has not made out a prima facie case of obviousness of claims 7-12. The critical deficiency in Goldenberg's disclosure has already been explained above. Since the primary reference, Goldenberg, clearly does not disclose, or even remotely suggest, the above-noted critical limitations in independent parent claim 1, the Examiner's proposed modifications of Goldenberg are using the teachings of the secondary references, Pauli and Bouchet, are flawed, because, even if either of these modifications were made, they would not produce, or render obvious, the subject matter of Applicant's independent parent claim 1.

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In summary, then, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner **carefully** to reconsider and withdraw all requirements, claim objections and prior art rejections, and to find the application to be in condition for allowance with all of claims 1-12; however, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, she is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Applicant files concurrently herewith a Petition (with fee) for an extension of time of two months. Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title and the first paragraph, insert and center

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, between the second and third full paragraphs, insert and center

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, between the third and fourth full paragraphs, insert and center

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 4, before the first full paragraph, insert and center

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Page 9, after the fifth paragraph, insert the following:

What is claimed is:

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) Reversible ~~A reversible~~ wristwatch including a first case (1, 101) enclosing first elements able to control a first display (3, 103) and a second case (2, 102) enclosing second elements able to control a second display (104), said first and second cases each having a back cover (85, 86; 125, 126) and being placed back-to-back, characterised in that each of the two ~~said first and second~~ cases (1, 2; 101, 102) includes at least one securing element

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(4, 5; 135, 136) arranged to be secured in a removable manner to a corresponding securing element of the other ~~case~~ of said first and second cases, to secure the first and second cases to each other in a position in which their respective back covers are adjacent.

3. (Twice Amended) ~~Wristwatch~~ The wristwatch according to claim 1, characterised in that the securing elements of each of the first and second cases (1, 2) include horns (4, 5) through which bars (6, 7; 8, 9) pass, said bars acting both as means for securing the first case (1) to the second case (2), and means for securing ~~each of the~~ opposite ends (10, 11; 12, 13) of the wristband (14, 15) to ~~the an~~ assembly formed by said first and second cases.

8. (Twice Amended) ~~Wristwatch~~ The wristwatch according to claim 1, characterised in that the ~~two~~ first and second cases secured to each other form a movable case (100), which is mounted so as to pivot and slide on a support (105) secured to a wristband (108), the support having two parallel lateral bars (110) between which the movable case occupies two mutually reversed use positions, in which two opposite lateral faces (141) of the movable case extend along said bars.